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PART I—Section 1

Notifications relating to Non-Statutory Rules, Regulations and Orders and Resolutions issued by the Ministries of the Government of India (other than the Ministry of Defence) and by the Supreme Court

LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

New Delhi-1, the 8th December 1955

No. F. 59-ECI/55.—Shri Radheshyam Ramkumar Morarka, a Member of the Lok Sabha has been elected

to serve on the Committee on Estimates for the unexpired portion of the year 1955-56 vice Shri R. Venkataraman resigned.

M. SUNDAR RAJ, Dy. Secy.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(Department of Economic Affairs)

New Delhi, the 7th December 1955

No. D 765-F.I./55.—Statement of the Affairs of the Reserve Bank of India as on the 2nd December, 1955.

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.	ASSETS	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000	Notes	13,98,50,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000	Rupee Coin	3,63,000
Deposits :—		Subsidiary Coin	6,63,000
(1) Government :—		Bills Purchased and Discounted :—	
(1) Central Government	51,35,83,000	(a) Internal	53,30,000
(2) Other Governments	10,15,99,000	(b) External . . . . .	..
(b) Banks	62,37,09,000	(c) Government Treasury Bills	5,31,21,000
(c) Others	15,48,31,000	Balances held abroad*	71,24,70,000
Bills Payable	7,50,00,000	Loans and Advances to Governments	2,00,00,000
Other Liabilities	24,63,48,000	Other Loans and Advances †	25,38,71,000
		Investments	50,43,30,000
		Other Assets	12,50,72,000
TOTAL	181,50,70,000	TOTAL	181,50,70,000

*Includes Cash and Short term Securities.

†(1) The item 'Other Loans and Advances' includes Rs. 6,70,00,000 advanced to scheduled banks against usance bills under Section 17(4) (c) of the Reserve Bank of India Act.

(2) The total amount of advances availed of by scheduled banks against usance bills under Section 17(4) (c) of the Reserve Bank of India Act since 1st January 1955 is Rs. 208,22,85,000.

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 2nd day of December 1955.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.	ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	13,98,50,000		A.—Gold Coin and Bullion :—		
Notes in circulation	1335,72,00,000		(a) Held in India	40,01,71,000	
Total Notes issued		1349,70,50,000	(b) Held outside India . . . . .	..
			Foreign Securities	647,06,60,000	
			Total of A		687,08,31,000
			B.—Rupee Coin		109,04,25,000
			Government of India Rupee Securities		553,57,94,000
			Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial paper . . . . .		..
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1349,70,50,000	TOTAL ASSETS		1349,70,50,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities : 50.906 per cent.

Dated the 7th day of December 1955.

B. RAMA RAU, Governor.

H. M. PATEL, Secy.

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA

New Delhi-1, the 12th December 1955

No. 4-CA(1)/18/55.—In pursuance of Regulation 12 of the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1949, it is hereby notified that in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c) of sub-Section (1) of Section 20 of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has removed from the Register of Members, with effect from the 30th August 1955, owing to death, the name of Shri Krishna Kuppasamy Iyer of Messrs. Kuppaswamy & Co., 149, Brodies Road, Mylapore, Madras. Membership No. 275).

E. V. SRINIVASAN, Secy.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

New Delhi-1, the 17th December 1955

No. 1-CA (4)/55.—The following draft of certain amendments to the Chartered Accountants Regulations, 1949, which it is proposed to make in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of Section 30 of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 (XXXVIII of 1949), is published for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the draft will be taken into consideration on or after the 25th January 1956.

Any objection or suggestion which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft before the date specified will be considered by the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi.

In the said Regulations,—

I. In sub-clause (b) of clause (d) of sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 17, add the following at the end, namely:—

"or has served for a period of five years wholly as an articled clerk."

II. for clause (iv) of Regulation 28, substitute the following, namely:—

"(iv) Information as to whether a candidate's answers in any particular paper or papers of any examination have been examined and marked will be supplied to the candidate on his forwarding within a month of the declaration of the said examination results, an application accompanied by a fee of Rs. 10 for any or all papers. The fee is only for verifying whether a candidate's answers in any particular paper or papers have been examined and marked, and not for the re-examination of answers. The marks obtained by candidates in individual questions or in sections of a paper cannot, in any circumstances, be supplied. If as a result of such verification it is discovered that there has been either an omission to examine or mark any answer or answers or there has been a mistake in the totalling of the marks, the fee for verification shall be refunded in full to the applicant."

III. In sub-clause (1) of clause (a) of Regulation 31, after the words "at one sitting in the Degree Examination" and before the figure and word "3 years", add the following, namely:—

"or who has been awarded the All India or National Diploma in Commerce by the All India Board of Technical Studies in Commerce and Business Administration and/or the All India Council for Technical Education with Auditing as special subject, prior to entering into articles or audit service, and has undergone practical training prescribed for the award of the said Diploma for a period of one year under a Chartered Accountant entitled to train articled clerks."

IV. For the existing first proviso sub-regulation (6) of Regulation 42A, substitute the following, namely:—

"Provided that no fresh registration fee shall be payable—

(a) where on termination of audit service the audit clerk joins another employer in the same town on the same or on the following day, or joins an employer in a different town within seven days from the date of such termination and the new employer sends to the Council

the particulars as required in sub-regulation (3) within two months from the date of such termination; or

(b) where on termination of audit service consequent on the death or removal from the Register of the name of his employer for any reason whatsoever or consequent on his employer being suspended from practice, the audit clerk joins another employer and gets his audit service with his new employer registered with the Institute within two months from the date of termination of service with his previous employer."

V. In clause (g) of sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 62F, after the words "the Council decides the matter," and before the words "publication of list of members", add the following, namely:—

"exempting any Chartered Accountant or firm of Chartered Accountants from the operation of sub-section (1) of Section 27 of the Act for a period not exceeding six months, provided however that all cases of infringement of the provisions of that sub-section, of a non-technical nature, shall be brought to the notice of the Council."

VI. The following proviso shall be added at the end of Regulation 83, namely:—

"Provided that in the case of a member who is a salaried employee of a Chartered Accountant or a firm of Chartered Accountants and not in practice, the address of his employer(s) shall be deemed to be his place of business for the purposes of Section 21 of the Act."

"Explanatory Note" on the above amendments

The following is an explanatory note pertaining to some of the amendments proposed above. This note is meant only to clarify the Council's intention underlying these amendments and is for information only. It should not be construed as limiting or amplifying the scope of these amendments in any manner.

1. **Amendment to Regulation 17(1)(d)(b).**—The existing sub-clause (b) of clause (d) of sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 17 prescribes that a person who is governed by clause (d) and who has not studied for one academic year in a recognised Institution, should produce a certificate that he has served for not less than seven years either wholly as an audit clerk or partly (but for not less than three years) as such clerk and partly as an articled clerk for purposes of admission to the First Chartered Accountants Examination. The words shown in brackets above stipulate that a minimum service of three years as an audit clerk is a condition precedent for admission to the said examination. The amendment now proposed will enable a candidate who has served for a period of five years wholly as an articled clerk to be admitted to the First Examination, though he may not have served as an audit clerk for any period.

2. **Amendment to Regulation 28(iv).**—The system of revaluation on payment of Rs. 250 for each answer paper revalued has in recent times been subjected to criticism in the Press as also from other quarters. It is not proposed here to analyse or rebut such criticism, which in certain cases were wholly unwarranted and uninformed. In view however of the general feeling in regard to this matter the Council considered the question in all its aspects at its recent meeting and decided to do away with the existing provision for revaluation and to provide instead only for the scrutiny of answer books on payment of a nomination amount of Rs. 10 for any or all of the papers in an examination, with a view to see whether all answers have been examined and marked.

3. **Amendment to Regulation 31(a)(i).**—It was represented to the Council that persons who have obtained the National Diploma should be required to serve only for a period of three years of articles or six years of audit service as in the case of persons who have passed the B. Com. Degree Examination with Auditing. The Council has since decided that persons who have been awarded the said Diploma with Auditing as special subject prior to their entering into articles or audit service shall be required to serve only for three years as articled clerks or six years as audit clerks, provided they had undergone practical training prescribed for the award of the said Diploma for a period of one year under a Chartered Accountant entitled to train articled clerks.

The other amendments are self-explanatory.

C. S. SASTRI, President.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

TARIFF VALUATIONS

New Delhi, the 17th December 1955

No. 73-T(2)/55.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 2 of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (XXXII of 1934), as in force in India and as applied to the State of Pondicherry, the Central Government hereby directs that the following amendment shall be made in the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry No. 73-T(2)/55, dated the 31st August, 1955, namely:—

In the Schedule to the said notification in section II for the entries relating to items Nos. 7 and 7(1), the following entries shall be substituted, namely:—

Item No. in First Schedule to act under which article is ordinarily chargeable.	Name of article	Tariff values.		
		per	Rs.	As. P.
“7	Potatoes, all sorts. Cwt.	30	0	0
	Dhingri „	240	0	0”

K. B. LALL, Joint Secy.

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 8th December 1955

No. Eng. Ind. 29(2)/55.—With a view to investigating the possibility of manufacturing earth moving and other types of Plant & Machinery required for River Valley Projects during the Second Five Year Plan period, the Government of India have decided to constitute a Committee consisting the following:—

(1) Dr. A. Nagaraja Rao, Chief Industrial Adviser, Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, (Convener).

(2) Shri K. K. Framji, Director General, Ordnance Factories or his representative.

(3) Shri H. L. Vadera, Member, Central Water and Power Commission.

(4) Shri P. C. Kapoor, Chairman, Workshops Reviewing Committee, Ministry of Railways.

(5) Shri R. S. Bhalla, Deputy Materials and Plant Officer, Ministry of Transport.

(6) Shri Hans Kumar, Chief Engineer, Central Tractor Organisation.

(7) Shri J. S. Claire, Government Central Workshop Amritsar.

(8) Dr. B. D. Kalelkar, Industrial Adviser (Engg.), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

(9) Lt. Col. V. P. S. Menon, Development Officer, Ministry of Commerce and Industry—Secretary.

The Committee will examine.

(i) to what extent the different items of equipment could be manufactured by

(a) the units already producing similar equipment; and

(b) the units which have general workshop facilities.

(ii) the need for setting up a separate unit for manufacturing items of equipment which could not be taken up by the industrial units mentioned in (i) above.

The Committee will also explore the possibility of enlisting the cooperation of suitable firms abroad according to whose designs and specifications manufacture could be undertaken in the country.

B. B. SAKSENA Jt. Secy.

(Office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 12th December 1955

No. CCI/SPE/220/55/3072.—Whereas there is reason to believe that licence No. N 030139/52/NC/CCI, dated the 9th September 1955, valued at Rs. 5,000 for import of Packing and Wrapping Paper from the Soft

Currency Area except South Africa, granted by the Dy. Chief Controller of Imports, Central Licensing Area, New Delhi, to M/s. Universal Paper Agency, 2226, Arya Samaj Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi, was obtained on the basis of forged Chartered Accountants' Certificate, whereas Notice No. CCI/SPE/220/55/2738, dated the 4th November 1955, asking the said firm why the said licence should not be cancelled, has since been received back undelivered from the postal authorities with the remarks “NOT KNOWN”, whereas the First National City Bank of New York, P.O. Box 175, Bombay-1, through whom letter of Credit was opened on 6th October 1955, has since advised that the credit was cancelled unutilised, and whereas no other Bank or any other party who may be having interest in the said licence has come forward, the Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in exercise of the powers specified in the Schedule to the Late Ministry of Commerce Notification No. 4-ITC/48, dated the 1st May 1948, hereby cancel the said licence No. N 030139/52/NC/CCI, dated the 9th September 1955, issued to said M/s. Universal Paper Agency, 2226, Arya Samaj Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi.

J. BYRNE,

Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.

ORDER

EXPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 12th December 1955

No. Export (1)/AM.(33).—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947 (XVIII of 1947), the Central Government hereby directs that the following further amendment shall be made in the Exports (Control) Order, 1954 published with the Order of the Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry No. Export (1), dated the 10th May, 1954, namely:—

In Schedule I to the said Order—

Under the heading “C. ARTICLES WHOLLY OR MAINLY MANUFACTURED”, after entry (viii) of item 1 (a), the following shall be inserted:—

“(vili-a) Batchinol T.S.”

B. K. KOCHAR, Dy. Secy.

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(Railway Board)

New Delhi, the 6th December 1955

No. 55/W/160/7.—It is hereby notified for general information that the Government Inspector of Railways, Calcutta, having inspected the Backbone line connecting Manihari station to the Ghat Stations at Mirzapur, on the North-Eastern Railway, a length of 7.48 miles on the Metre Gauge, authorised its opening for the public carriage of passengers with effect from 15th September, 1955.

The Railway Board after considering the Report of the Government Inspector of Railways, Calcutta, have confirmed his action.

ARYA BHUSHAN,

Deputy Director, Civil Engineering.

New Delhi, the 10th December 1955

No. 4853-TC.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 44 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890 (IX of 1890), the Railway Rates Tribunal with the approval of the Central Government hereby makes the following amendment in the Railway Rates Tribunal Rules, 1949, published with the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) No. 4853-TC, dated the 12th October, 1949, namely:—

In Appendix ‘C’ of the said rules for item 2 the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“2. Railway pass for journeys by rail—I class pass with one servant in III Class.

NOTE.—(i) In case the assessor desires to travel in air-conditioned accommodation, he will be required to pay the difference in fares between I Class and air-conditioned accommodation.

(ii) Permission to break journey at one place en route will be allowed.”

By Order,

Secretary,

Railway Rates Tribunal.

V. SRIRAMAN,

Assistant Director, Traffic.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

(Transport Wing)

RESOLUTIONS

New Delhi, the 8th December 1955

No. 9-P.I(235)/55.—The Government of India have received the Administration Report of the Port of Calcutta for the year 1954-55. The noteworthy features of the Report are the following:—

(1) **Financial Results.**—The revenue receipts of the Port Commissioners for the year under review were Rs. 8,82,52,947 as against Rs. 8,17,72,566 in the previous year.

The expenditure for the year amounted to Rs. 9,21,48,705 as compared to Rs. 9,00,38,794 in the previous year. The year ended with a deficit of Rs. 38,95,758 which was met from the Revenue Reserve Fund.

The balance in the Revenue Reserve Fund as on the 31st March 1955 amounted to Rs. 3.43 crores. The Fire Insurance Fund had a closing balance of Rs. 63.81 lakhs on the 31st March 1955 and the balance in the Vessels Replacement Fund on that date amounted to Rs. 92.41 lakhs.

During the year under review the Commissioners obtained from Government three loans aggregating to Rs. 1.91 crores repayable in 23 equated annual instalments of principal and interest after an interest-free period of seven years for meeting the expenditure on development projects covered by the first Five Year Plan.

(2) **Traffic.**—The total tonnage of imports and exports which passed through the Port during the year was imports 3,240,436 and exports 4,573,377 as against the corresponding import and export figures of 2,723,062 and 5,336,037, respectively, in the previous year. There was thus a decrease of 2,45,286 tons or about 3.04 per cent. in the total trade passing through the Port as compared with the previous year.

The tonnages of the imports and exports of some of the important commodities during the year 1953-54 and 1954-55 are given below:—

Commodities	1953-54		1954-55	
	Imports Tons	Exports Tons	Imports Tons	Exports Tons
Foodgrains including:—				
Flour . . .	552,921	8,558	434,987	36,942
Salt . . .	428,624	1,576	454,793	528
Manures . . .	14,068	16,362	23,813	19,679
Cement . . .	50,559	205	79,463	165
Coal . . .	..	2,397,732	..	2,265,677
Bunker Coal . . .	..	163,726	..	132,220
Gunnies . . .	659	896,411	759	918,118
Tea . . .	734	210,287	426	177,703
Scrap . . .	..	191,014	..	101,933
Ores . . .	..	1,066,347	..	556,364
Iron & Steel . . .	102,886	21,803	211,800	18,310
Pig Iron . . .	..	16,243	..	22,267
Sugar . . .	42,821	47,721	243,367	2,224

(3) **Shipping.**—The number of vessels that entered the Port during the year was 1,317 against 1,419 in the previous year and the total gross tonnage decreased from 8,611,388 to 8,097,700. The deepest draft ship to enter the Port during the year was the S. S. "Caltex Kenya" drawing 26'-6" forward and aft and the deepest draft ship to leave the Port was the S. S. "Nochirel Maru" drawing 27'-11" forward and 28'-0" aft.

In the Port Approaches, the Balari Bar controlled the draft of ships for 279 days as against 228 days during the previous year. The Eastern Gut was the controlling bar for 29 days as against 34 days during the previous year. The Nurpur Bight controlled the draft of ships for 13 days as against 69 days during the previous year and the Ninan Reach for 12 days as against 34 days during the previous year. The Fulta Reach was the governing bar for 32 days. The Controlling bars were thus above Diamond Harbour for 86 days as against 137 during 1953-54 and 202 days during 1952-53.

The drafts allotted to shipping during the year were satisfactory. Despite the slight deterioration of the

Balari Bar which imposed restrictions, the overall improved position of the previous years was maintained by sustained dredging.

(4) **Hooghly Pilotage.**—The income from Pilotage during the year was Rs. 29,37,072 and the expenditure Rs. 27,89,448 showing a surplus of Rs. 1,47,624. A sum of Rs. 1.5 lakhs was appropriated to the Revenue Reserve Fund (Pilotage).

(5) **Port Charges.**—With a view to meeting the revenue deficit arising from a fall in traffic and increase in expenditure, the Port Charges on certain commodities were raised during the year with effect from the 1st June 1954.

(6) **Capital Works.**—Important items on which Capital expenditure was incurred during the year were the following:—

Name of Work	Sanctioned Estimate	Expenditure incurred upto end of 1954-55
	Rs.	Rs.
1. Electrical installation at Budge Budge	2,37,153	1,78,890
2. Purchase of two Survey launch es.	5,03,400	4,49,262
3. Manufacture of 12 modified type 1st Class Europe buoys	1,51,286	1,33,765
4. Manufacture of 24 first class welded modified type mooring buoys.	1,97,176	1,54,816
5. Purchase and installation of Mechanical Coal Loading Plant.	41,23,960	37,72,107
6. Provision of a new Crane-Repair Yard at 14, Berth, K.P. Docks.	2,20,430	2,07,868
7. Construction of a new Sale Tea warehouse.	34,50,000	28,40,389
8. Reclamation of land surrounding King George's Dock	1,18,52,414	83,93,654
9. Purchase of two sets of grab dredging equipment and silt pumping plants.	23,91,500	21,31,843
10. Construction of quarters at Shalimar for Class IV Staff.	2,22,400	1,79,890
11. Purchase of two Dock Tugs - (Champa and Chameli)	30,72,000	28,57,995
12. Construction of two Heave- up Boats.	2,40,000	2,24,619
13. Purchase of two light Vessels	40,46,000	6,98,900
14. Construction of a Spur at Akra (River Training Works).	32,92,000	18,87,406
15. Purchase of 300 C.R. Type Wagons and 100 "O" Type Trucks	56,00,000	32,21,495
16. Extension of Railway lines at Berths Nos. 15 to 21 at K.P. Docks.	7,79,665	4,54,531
17. Development of Sonai Yard into a Central Depot for Ores.	27,69,265	10,32,459
18. Construction of quarters at Taratolla Road for Class IV Staff.	1,35,00,000	80,17,713
19. Purchase and installation of an electrically operated 200- ton Crane and development of a heavy lift yard	52,33,610	1,62,377
20. Construction of 20 main Pon- toons and 8 Cradle Pontoons for use at different landing stages	26,05,750	13,25,634

(7) **Administration.**—The Port Commission which was reconstituted from the 1st April 1954 in accordance with the provisions of section 10(1) of the Calcutta Port Act, 1890, continued to function during the year under review.

(8) **Acknowledgement.**—The Port Commissioners performed another year of useful work despite difficult labour conditions and Government view with appreciation the achievement of the Port Commissioners during

PORTS

New Delhi, the 7th December 1955

No. 13-PI(93)/55.—The Government of India have received the Administration Report of the Port of Madras for the year 1954-55. The following are the noteworthy features of the Report:—

(1) **Financial Results.**—The revenue receipts of the Port Trust for the year under review were Rs. 128.74 lakhs as against Rs. 127.33 lakhs in the previous year thus showing a slight increase of Rs. 1.41 lakhs.

- (i) The net expenditure for the year excluding the amount held under "Suspense" and the amounts paid as contributions to the various funds and the Capital Account aggregating Rs. 26.76 lakhs amounted to Rs. 93.23 lakhs as against Rs. 85.68 lakhs in the previous year.
- (ii) The ratio of working expenses to revenue receipts increased to 70.93 per cent. as compared with 64.78 per cent. in the previous year. This was mainly due to increase expenditure during the year under review as a result of the payment of arrears of overtime allowance to the employees under the Minimum Wages Act and Contribution to Provident Fund on account of the merger of 50 per cent. dearness allowance with pay.
- (iii) The balances in the various reserve funds of the Port Trust at the end of the year were satisfactory.
- (iv) The Pilotage Fund receipts and expenditure amounted to Rs. 5.18 lakhs and Rs. 4.73 lakhs respectively. The actual closing balance at the end of 1954-55 was Rs. 2.50 lakhs.
- (v) **Outstanding loans.**—The amount of outstanding loans owing to Government was Rs. 1,59,11,358/- at the end of the year.

(2) **Traffic.**—The total tonnage of imports and exports which passed through the Port during the year was, imports 1,716,301 and exports 485,069 as against imports 1,641,325 and exports 494,610 respectively in the previous year. The trade as a whole thus showed an increase during the year.

The tonnage of foodgrains imported through the Port during the year was 110,735 as against 180,299 of the previous year.

The tonnage of coal imported by sea during the year was 418,125 compared with 462,116 in the previous year.

There was some decrease in the exports of ores during the year.

(3) **Value of trade.**—The value of the total trade of the Port during the year was Rs. 13,621.18 lakhs as against Rs. 17,559.38 lakhs during the previous year.

(4) **Shipping.**—The number of vessels excluding sailing vessels that entered the harbour during the year was 1,003 against 1,037 in the previous year and their total tonnage showed a decrease from 3,859,704 to 3,708,268.

(5) **Labour and measures for their Welfare.**—The leave benefits applicable to employees borne on the Schedule of artisans, labourers, maistries and mazdoors of the shore labour gangs were liberalised with effect from the 1st November, 1954. The labour situation during the year was normal.

(6) **Works.**—The following are some of the noteworthy items:—

- (i) Two 50-ton steel barges were added.
- (ii) One 3-ton electric crane was erected and one 5-ton crane was under erection.
- (iii) Construction work was begun on a new survey launch to replace the launch "St. George".
- (iv) A second-hand tug was acquired to tow the sand hopper barge.
- (v) Tenders were invited for supply of two 6-ton mobile cranes.
- (vi) Work on providing bathroom facilities for labourers at four points in the Harbour was nearing completion.
- (vii) Work on the new tug to replace the tug "Thruster" was in progress.
- (viii) Tenders received for the construction of three R. C. Jetties were scrutinized and the contract awarded.
- (ix) The new ore sidings were partly opened to traffic.
- (x) Work on the formation of a coal yard and its railway sidings was in progress.
- (xi) Construction of a new warehouse "H" was in progress.
- (xii) Government sanctioned estimates of Rs. 5.65 lakhs and Rs. 2.81 lakhs for the acquisition of sites for a staff colony and an administrative office building respectively.

(7) **Acknowledgment.**—The Port Trust Board performed another year of useful work and Government view with appreciation the work done by the Board during the year under review.

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